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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Jacobus M. LEMMENS et al.

Serial No.: 10/024,520

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For: AMLODIPINE FREE BASE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement issued on July 29, 2002, which set forth a one-month period for response, and before a first office action on the merits, Applicants present the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 35-40 as follows:

35. (New) The composition according to claim 1, wherein said amlodipine free base was incorporated into said composition in the form of particulates having an average particle size of at least 100 microns.